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PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL ON THE GROUND OF
APPLICANT'S AGE
(37 CFR 1.102(c) AND MPEP § 708.02)

Applicant hereby petitions to make this application special on the basis of the Applicant's age.

Accompanying this petition is a declaration by the Applicant attesting to his age.

No fee is required with this petition, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.102(c).

Respectfully submitted,

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I, Richard S. Norek, the Applicant in the above captioned patent application, hereby state that I have reached the age of sixty-five (65) years, and having attained said age, I believe that my application is entitled to special status according to regulation 37 CFR 1.102(c).

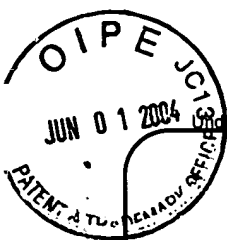
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Respectfully submitted,

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